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SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PUJA VISIT, WHICH THEY REGARD AS A ROUTINE AFFAIR. DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT COVERED THE WHOLE RANGE OF NORMAL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING BERLIN, FRG-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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CSCE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN.

END SUMMARY.

1. THE HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, FRIGYES PUJA, VISITED THE FRG JUNE 11-13 FOR TALKS WITH HIS WEST GERMAN COLLEAGUE, GENSCHER, AND WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS IN BONN WERE FOLLOWED BY A DAY IN NORTH-RHINE WESTPHALIA AS GUEST OF MINISTER-PRESIDENT KUEHN. ACCORDING TO OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACTS, THE GERMANS WERE SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE PUJA VISIT OWING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPUTATION FOR OUTSPOKENNESS AND TRUCULENCE. IN THE EVENT, THEY WERE QUITE PLEASED AT THE REASONABLE TONE THAT HE ADOPTED IN ALL CONVERSATIONS AND AT HIS HUMOROUS AND RELAXED MANNER. PUJA TOOK THE OCCASION OF A TOAST AT THE DINNER WHICH GENSCHER GAVE IN HIS HONOR TO ASSAIL THOSE WHO WOULD CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE DETENTE AND TO WARN AGAINST THEIR ACTIVITIES. THIS WARNING WAS PICKED UP BY SOME OF THE GERMAN PRESS REPORTS ON THE PUJA VISIT AND PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE OF A NEW AND HARDER TONE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BONN AND BUDAPEST. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACTS ASSURE US, HOWEVER, THAT THE VISIT IN NO WAY SUBSTANTIATED THE NOTION OF A HARDENING OF RELATIONS.

2. WITH REGARD TO BERLIN, PUJA MADE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS IN A LOW KEY WHICH THE GERMANS INTERPRETED AS BEING MORE OR LESS PRO FORMA. IN PARTICULAR, HE CRITICIZED THE OPENING OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN, AND WAS GIVEN GENSCHER'S STOCK REPLY: THAT THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, THAT THE OFFICE WAS NOT POLITICAL IN NATURE BUT SERVED A CAUSE WHICH WAS OF INTEREST TO ALL NATIONS AND THAT IT WAS VITAL FOR THE FRG TO ENSURE THAT THE QA WAS NOT ONLY STRICTLY INTERPRETED BUT ALSO FULLY APPLIED. PUJA CRITICIZED ALLEGED FRG "DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST THE GDR, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC. GENSCHER TOLD HIM THAT THE FRG HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GDR BUT THAT THE

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SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH EQUAL TREATMENT OF THE GDR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

3. CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, THE FRG CONTINUED TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH HUNGARY

UNTIL AFTER PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE INCLUSION OF
BERLIN ARE SETTLED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
USSR. THE HUNGARIANS ACCEPTED A DRAFT CULTURAL
AGREEMENT FROM THE GERMAN SIDE, AGREEING TO EXAMINE
IT AND DISCUSS IT AT A FUTURE DATE. THE GERMANS GOT
THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT HUNGARIANS WERE NOT
INTERESTED IN PROCEEDING RAPIDLY WITH THE
CULTURAL AGREEMENT SO LONG AS THERE WAS THE PROSPECT
OF AN INDEFINITE DELAY IN CONCLUSION OF A TECHNICAL
AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT.

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4. AS EXPECTED, PUJA COMPLAINED TO HIS HOSTS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE HUNGARIAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE FRG AND CRITICIZED THE EC BEEF BAN. HE TOOK THE SAME UNYIELDING LINE AGAINST EASTERN EUROPEAN ACCEPTANCE OF EC COMPETENCES IN THE TRADE FIELD WHICH THE GERMANS HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO FROM OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN VISITORS. MORE GENERALLY, HE ARGUED THAT "DECISIONS" THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN RECENTLY BOTH WITHIN THE EC AND WITHIN NATO HAD SHOWN INCREASING "BLOC-CONFIDENTIAL

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BUILDING TENDENCIES" AND IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR THE SMALLER EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES.

5. IN DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITH THE GERMANS, PUJA MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AT CSCE, THERE HAD BEEN ENOUGH TALK AND IT WAS NOW TIME TO PROCEED TO THE CONCLUDING PHASE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. CBM'S WERE NO LONGER A REALDIVISIVE ISSUE SINCE THEY HAD BEEN DECIDED ON IN PRINCIPLE AND THE SIZE OF THE AREA COVERED WAS NOT A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

B. THE FRG ALONG WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES SHOULD BEWARE OF CHINESE POLICY, WHICH WAS ACTIVATED SOLELY BY ANTI-SOVIET MOTIVES AND WAS AIMED AT CREATING HOSTILITIES AND DISRUPTIONS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

C. THE US POLICY OF SEEKING PARTIAL SOLUTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DIS-ENGAGEMENT HAD FAILED AND HAD ADDED TO THE TENSIONS IN THE AREA. IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY THE SEARCH FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION AT GENEVA.

6. GENSCHER USED THE OCCASION OF PUJA'S COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST TO STATE THE FRG'S VIEW THAT US POLICY HAS NOT FAILED AND THAT IN FACT THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF PROGRESS, DUE NOT ONLY TO AMERICAN EFFORTS BUT ALSO TO THE STATESMANLIKE BEHAVIOR OF PRESIDENT SADAT. ISRAEL, GENSCHER SAID, WAS NOW GOING THROUGH A PROCESS OF RE-THINKING ITS POSITION WHICH OFFERED SOME HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. GENSCHER AND PUJA AGREED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE

A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT
NOT TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE UNTIL THE
POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES OFFERED A SOLID PROSPECT OF
SUCCESS.

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7. GENSCHER ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT HUNGARY,
WITH THE DATE TO BE SET LATER. THE GERMANS ASKED
PUJA TO PASS ON AN INVITATION TO KADAR TO VISIT THE
FRG. PUJA RENEWED THE ALREADY STANDING INVITATION TO
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO VISIT HUNGARY.
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